

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #88 Eli Hess, French Horn and Sylvia Oines, organ

Welcome Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

Leader: The Lord be with you! People: And also with you!

Silent Listening to God Interim Assoc. Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Matt Miller

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Colleen Oordt

Leader: Let us join together in our Advent liturgy. We light the JOY candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Leader: The prophet Isaiah instructs us to rejoice for the coming of the Lord, saying: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus, it shall blossom abundantly, ad rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. [Isaiah 35:1-2]

All: Jesus, awaken us to Your presence. Dawn upon our lives and rule in our world.

*Hymn Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming #129

Ensemble

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung

It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter

When half spent was the night

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior When half spent was the night

This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us And lightens every load

And lightens every load 15th Century German, arr. Jess Alldredge

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Matt Miller

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 (see insert)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

*Responding to God's Great Love >>Click here to give online

Leader: You have given all to me People: To you, Lord, I return it Leader: Everything is Yours People: Do with it what You will

Leader: Give me only Your love and Your grace *People:* That is enough for me

Special Music O Holy Night/Hallelujah

Ensemble

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining It is the night of the dear Savior's birth Long lay the world in sin and error pining 'Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices O night divine, O night when Christ was born O night divine, O night, O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another

His law is love and His gospel is peace Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we Let all within us praise His holy name Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim Hallelujah

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Children's Time Alan Beasley

Sermon He Will Rejoice Over You With Singing Associate Pastor, Danielle Merseles

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Doug Kelly

Hope For Everyone *Song

Ensemble

Hear the angels sing, there's hope for everyone To announce our King, there's hope for everyone What good news they bring, there's hope for everyone Angels sing, there's hope for everyone

They came from afar, there's hope for everyone Wise men saw the star, there's hope for everyone Shepherds heard the choir, there's hope for everyone From afar, there's hope for everyone

We are waiting on the promise for the One who lights the darkness Bending low to be among us, bring Your glory in the highest, Jesus

Come let us adore, there's hope for everyone On the manger floor, there's hope for everyone What are you waitin' for, there's hope for everyone Come adore, there's hope for everyone (Chorus)

Come then, on the clouds, there's hope for everyone Hear the trumpets sound, there's hope for everyone All of heaven shouts, there's hope for everyone On the clouds, there's hope for everyone (*Chorus*)

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Benediction Danielle Merseles

Closing Song Go Now In Peace Ensemble

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God surround you Everywhere, everywhere you may go (*Repeat*) ©1976 Natalie Sleeth, Hinshaw Music, Inc. (Admin. by Fred Bock Music Company), CCLI #176696

Postlude Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today Danielle Merseles **Leading Worship** Matt Miller

Ministers You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love

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